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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARMENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that on 27 July 1994 the defence ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the commander of the Nagorny Karabakh army signed a cease-fire agreement reaffirming and formalizing the cease-fire agreement on the Nagorny Karabakh conflict mediated by the Russian Federation on 9 to 11 May 1994.

With this agreement the parties affirm their readiness to accelerate and intensify the negotiations during the month of August to sign a new agreement, which will entail the solution of military-technical issues and the deployment of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) monitors and international security forces.

The parties are particularly obligated not to violate the cease-fire until the signing of the above-mentioned agreement. The agreement assumes cooperation between the international security forces and the CSCE monitors.

The signed version of the agreement was sent, on the one side, to the Minister for Defence of the Russian Federation, Pavel Grachev, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Andrei Kozirev, and the Special Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Kazimirov, and, on the other side, to the Chairman of the CSCE Minsk Conference, Ambassador Jan Eliasson.

It was significant that the final stage of negotiations for the agreement was achieved through immediate and direct contacts between the signatories.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia places great significance on this agreement, since it formalizes the existing de facto cease-fire of the last 10 weeks, creating a historic opportunity to end the armed conflict.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative